Secretary to the Council : The title of the bill is the Cochin Police Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* I request that the President may be pleased to suspend Standing Order 32 and allow me to move that the bill be taken into consideration at once.

Mr. President : Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Police Act Amendment Bill be taken into consideration.

Motion put and carried

Clause 2 put and carried

Clause 1, title and preamble put and carried

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I move that the Bill be taken up and finally passed to-morrow.

Motion put and carried

2. The Cochin Census Bill

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Census Bill be read in Council.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Sir I do not think it is necessary for me to explain the various provisions contained in the bill, because they are self-explanatory. The bill is mainly an adaptation of the British Indian Act, XXIV of 1939.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council : The title of the bill is the Cochin Census Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I request that the President may be pleased to suspend Standing Order 32.

Mr. President : Yes.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Census Bill be taken into consideration.

Motion put and carried

Clauses 2 to 14 put and carried

Clause 1, title and preamble put and carried

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the bill be taken up and finally passed to-morrow.

Motion put and carried

Resolutions

1. Starting of a grant-in-aid Dispensary in Gothuruthi

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin-Cristians-Cranganur):* Sir, I move the following resolution: "*This Council recommends to the Government that a grant-in-aid dispensary be started in the island of Gothuruthi in the Chennamangalam village.*"

Sir, the necessity for such a dispensary has been long felt and various petitions and requests have been sent to the Government but nothing has yet been done in that direction. Gothuruthi is a small island in the Chennamangalam village, having an area of about two square miles, but at the same time it is perhaps the most thickly populated place, more thickly populated than even the Ernakulam town. It consists of a population of more than 6,000 people, and being surrounded on all sides by deep waters, it is very difficult for people to cross over to Cranganur to get medical aid. This difficulty has been felt for a long time past and the fact has been brought to the notice of the medical officer in the Cranganur dispensary as also to the notice of the Chief Medical Officer. The medical officer in charge of the Cranganur dispensary has certified that there is real necessity for this dispensary in Gothuruthi.

There is another difficulty. Generally in villages, there will be one or two native physicians available. But in this particular place, unfortunately there is not even a single native physician available. Whenever there is any necessity for medical aid people have to go to Parur or Cranganur, and in cases of urgent necessity, by the time the medical man arrives, the patient may have breathed his last. Such instances have occurred there. Even granting that medical aid can be got from Cranganur or Parur, it is not within the reach of the poor people. Only few rich men who can afford to carry the patient to those places without injury to the patient himself or can get a doctor to their houses can avail themselves of the facilities afforded by the Cranganur hospital. In view of all these facts, I do not think a long speech is necessary to establish the urgency for establishing a grant-in-aid dispensary in Gothuruthi. At least out of humanitarian considerations, at least out of consideration for the lives of the poor village folk, I feel convinced that our Government, who were always foremost in extending their sympathetic hands

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